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Filed	:	October 26, 2000	)
For	:	CRYPTOGRAPHY AND CERTIFICATE AUTHORITIES IN GAMING MACHINES	) ) )
Examiner	:	Brandon S. Hoffman	) . ) )

#### DECLARATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.131

- 1. This declaration is to establish invention priority of the above-referenced U.S. Patent Application No. 09/698,507.
- 2. From at least June 18, 1999 until September 30, 1999, I had been actively working as a full-time patent attorney with multiple pending and yet-to-be-filed patent applications, including an application directed to the subject invention.
- 3. From at least June 18, 1999 until September 30, 1999, I corresponded frequently, and for some period of that time, nearly daily, by telephone and email with the inventor Rolf Carlson to prepare a patent application, provisional application no. 60/161,591 to which the above-identified application claims priority. Copies of representative emails are attached as Appendix A. In addition, copies of my time sheets are attached as Appendix B. These time sheets document my approximately 170 hours of work on the '591 provisional application from April through September 1999. The firm's docket number is identified as either "Mikohn/246" or "1482/426" in Appendix B and my entries are indicated by my initials JFT. Unrelated work has been redacted out.
- 4. On August 25, 1999, I mailed a draft of the above-identified provisional application to the inventor. A copy of the transmittal letter is attached as Appendix C.
- 5. On or about September 30, 1999, I turned over further preparation of the provisional application to Bob Dorr.

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Dated

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John Thompson (E-mail) <ithompson@patnet.com> Tuesday, July 13, 1999 8:24 PM Patent and Presentation

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Wednesday, July 14, 1999 9:18 AM Re: Patent and Presentation

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Rolf.

The revision of the patent application is coming along fine. We have revised the claims and drawings. We are in the middle of the revision of the specification. I should finish the revision of the specification by Thursday and then Bob will review the revised specification. I believe that we should have a draft to you by early next week.

Please feel free to send the presentation. I will review it and provide-you with any comments or additional information that you need.

In addition, we have received an Office Action from the Patent Office with ...

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Thanks for your email and I will be talking to you on Friday.

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August 25, 1999

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Re:

Draft U.S. Patent Application entitled "CRYPTOGRAPHY AND CERTIFICATE AUTHORITIES IN GAMING MACHINES"

Docket No. 1482/246

#### Dear Rolf:

Enclosed please find a first draft of the above-entitled patent application. I have also emailed a copy of the text to you. Please carefully review the patent application and verify that each statement is technically correct. Please feel free to make any additions or deletions that you believe are necessary for proper understanding of the invention.

The patent application must set forth sufficient detail for one skilled in the art to construct your system without undue experimentation. Furthermore, the disclosure must represent the best mode as of the date of filing. These are strict legal requirements which must be adhered to and, if not, the validity of any issuing patent may be affected.

Please carefully study the claims at the end of the application. Also remember that the claims, if allowed, will represent the legal monopoly. Therefore, it is important that you understand them.

In addition, we would like any written information or publications that you have that show the prior devices that are described in the background section of the application so that we may submit these documents to the Patent Office.

Rolf Carlson
Spring Creek Technologies, Corp.
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Also note that we represent Mikohn Gaming in this matter, and we do not represent you personally.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact me.

Sincerely yours,

DORR, CARSON, SLOAN & BIRNEY, P.C.

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